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VIA ECFS

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Ex Parte* Communications in CS Docket 97-80

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This is to notify you that on December 16, 2004, the following persons met with Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy and Stacy Robinson Fuller, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Abernathy:

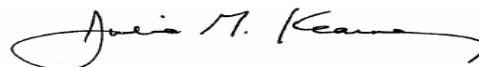
Matthew Zinn, General Counsel, TiVo, Inc.
Donald Whiteside, Vice President, Corporate Technology Group, Intel Corporation
Michael Williams, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, Sony Electronics, Inc.
Jim Morgan, Director and Counsel, Government and Industry Affairs, Sony Electronics, Inc.
Paula Boyd, Regulatory Counsel, Law and Corporate Affairs, Microsoft
Brian Markwalter, Vice President, Technology, CEA
Robert Schwartz, McDermott Will & Emery, counsel to CEA

During the meeting, we urged the Commission to maintain the requirement for all digital cable products -- including cable operator supplied set top box products -- to use separable security (*i.e.*, CableCARDs™) and to maintain the July 1, 2006 deadline for cable operators' compliance as currently written in 47 C.F.R. Section 76.1204. The discussion reflected arguments that CEA and its members have made in oral and written statements in the above-referenced docket.

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This letter is being provided to your office in accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Federal Communications Commission rules. A copy of this letter has been delivered by e-mail to the meeting participants.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julie M. Kearney", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Julie M. Kearney
Senior Director, Regulatory Affairs

cc: Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy
Stacy Robinson Fuller